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SUBJECT: CCMS: APRIL 1973 PLENARY -- COASTAL WATER POLLUTION
PILOT STUDY

1. BELGIAN DEL (RENSON) DESCRIBED PROGRESS OF OCEAN
POLLUTION STUDY AND SPECIFICALLY NOTED THE IMPORTANCE OF
FOLLOWING UP ON THE OIL SPILLS BAN RESOLUTION. BECAUSE
OF IMCO CONFERENCE BEING HELD IN OCTOBER, RENSON REQUESTED
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ALL DELEGATIONS TO CHANGE THE DUE DATE FOR THE OIL SPILLS PROGRESS REPORT FROM SEPTEMBER TO 15 TH OF AUGUST. HE SAID THAT ADDITIONAL TIME WOULD BE NEEDED TO PREPARE SYNTHESIZED OVERALL REPORT.

2. RENSON DESCRIBED THE WORK BEING DONE ON THE " JOINT NORTH SEA DATA ACQUISITION PROGRAM." HE EMPHASIZED THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS PROGRAM IN DEVELOPING A MANAGEMENT MODEL USEFUL IN PREDICTING POLLUTION NOT ONLY FOR THE NORTH SEA AREA BUT ALSO IN OTHER COASTAL WATERS. HE SAID THAT THE NORTH SEA PROGRAM WAS COOPERATING WITH THE ICES BUT THAT IT WAS MORE DETAILED THAN THE ICES EFFORT WHICH WAS PRIMARILY DIRECTED TOWARDS HYDRODYNAMICS. THE PROGRAM HAD 18 SHIPS, 21 BUOYS AND 7 LIGHT SHIPS PARTICIPATING IN THE MODELING. THIS EFFORT WOULD, IN PARTICULAR, OBTAIN NEW AND USEFUL INFORMATION ABOUT THE SOUTH AND CENTRAL PARTS OF THE NORTH SEA. HE EMPHASIZED THAT BELGIUM WAS ALWAYS HAPPY TO ACCEPT ADDITIONAL PARTICIPATION AND ASSISTANCE IN THIS PROJECT.

3. RENSON EMPHASIZED THE IMPORTANT PRACTICAL IMPLICATIONS OF THE NORTH SEA MODELING PROGRAM. HE SAID THAT BELGIUM IS USING THESE MODELS IN ITS OCEAN DUMPING PERMIT PROGRAM IN THE NORTH SEA.

4. OTHER DELEGATES EXPRESSED THEIR INTEREST IN THE PROGRAM. CANADA (EDGEWORTH) NOTED THE EXCHANGE PROGRAM UNDER WHICH A BELGIAN EXPERT, WHILE IN CANADA, DEVELOPED TWO MODELS TO BE USED IN THE NORTH SEA. THESE ARE BEING PUBLISHED AND WERE CIRCULATED AT THE MEETING. THE UK (COTTRELL) ASSOCIATED HIMSELF WITH THE BELGIAN EFFORT AND WAS PARTICULARLY HAPPY TO SEE IT MOVING IN AUSEFUL DIRECTION. NORWAY NOTED ITS DIFFICULTY IN PARTICIPATING BECAUSE OF LACK OF MATERIAL RESOURCEE BUT SAID THEY HOPED TO SEND A SPECIALIST TO THE NEXT EXPERTS MEETING. FRG EMPHASIZED THE IMPORTANCE OF INSURING THAT THE MODELING PROGRAM BE ORIENTED TOWARDS PRACTICAL MANAGEMENT AND GOVERNMENT ACTION.

5. ITALY TOOK OCCASION TO NOTE ITS PARTICULAR CONCERN FOR THE PROBLEM OF CLOSED SEAS AND THE DUMPING OF OIL BY SHIPS. SUCH CLOSED SEAS AS MEDITERRANEAN REQUIRE UNCLASSIFIED

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SPECIALIZED ZONES AND REGULATIONS AND THIS SHOULD BE

LOOKED AT WITH RESPECT TO OCTOBER LONDON IMCO MEETING.
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